

A low-angle photograph of a tree trunk and its leafy canopy against a bright sky. The tree trunk is on the left, showing rough bark. The canopy is filled with green leaves, and sunlight filters through, creating a bright, dappled light effect.

A Year of Growth

Alabama Public Library Service

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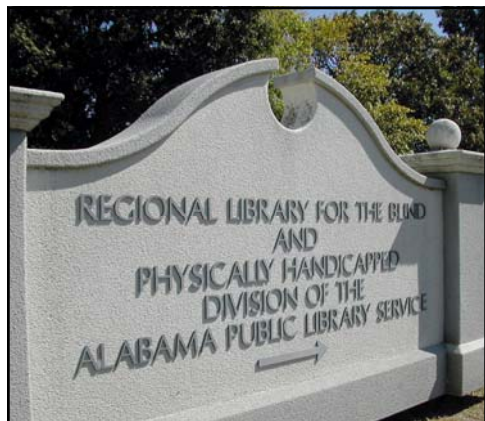
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The Alabama Public Library Service is a state library agency. Although the title is descriptive of one of the agency's major functions, APLS serves all citizens of Alabama through services provided directly to individuals and state employees, via onsite visits, telephone, fax, the Internet and the Alabama Virtual Library.

The seven-member executive board of the agency is appointed by the governor for five-year terms. Each member serves as the representative of one of Alabama's seven congressional districts.

The objectives of the Alabama Public Library Service are:

- To provide library services to the citizens directly and through local public libraries.
- To provide library services to those with special needs through the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.
- To provide library services to employees of the State of Alabama to meet their work-related information needs.
- To assist in establishing cooperative library services and networks.
- To provide continuing education opportunities for public librarians.
- To provide consulting services to public libraries.

The agency is responsible for the administration and distribution of state aid for public libraries and an annual competitive grant program under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).



From the Director

The 2006-07 fiscal year has seen a revamping of the Alabama Public Library Services' building. The technical and reference staffs have moved to the rear of the building and the collection has moved to the front, allowing patrons easier access to the materials.

With the renovation, we now have enlarged space dedicated to Alabama materials, with a focus on adding more and becoming a true "state library." We also have a second, larger conference room that is available as meeting space for various state and outside agencies.



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This year has seen an upgrade in the agency's computer technology and, with the assistance of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, continued technology upgrades to many of the public libraries throughout the state. The Gates Connectivity Grant has allowed public libraries to move to greater bandwidth and connectivity for their facilities.



The Gates Hardware and Upgrade (HUGs) Grant will continue in the coming year to provide new computers for the state's public libraries.

The remainder of the Gates Connectivity Grant will allow APLS to purchase teleconferencing equipment for the agency and to work with public libraries throughout the state to provide a wider range of opportunities for continuing education.

The Alabama legislature for 06-07 raised state aid to \$1.18 per capita. These funds go directly to the public libraries for use in providing much-needed services to their patrons.

Two new libraries were recognized by the Board of Directors of APLS, Summerdale in Baldwin County and Somerville in Morgan County.

Library consultants have been assigned specific counties in the state to work with directly to provide assistance from APLS as they apply for federal funds, state projects, and local support. The state is divided into 10 geographic regions to assist in this effort.

APLS is continuing to partner with the Mississippi Library Commission to provide additional services to blind and physically handicapped patrons in both Alabama and Mississippi. The agency is also continuing to meet the needs of the public library community through state, federal and special grants, technical assistance and professional assistance.



Our main goal, as always, is to provide equitable information for all citizens of the state.



Assistant Director's Report

The Alabama Public Library Service achieved many accomplishments in the past year. All of these feats were aided by the outstanding leadership of the director, the steadfast support of the agency's executive board, the thoughtful consideration of the Alabama Legislature and the endorsement of the governor of the State of Alabama.



Hulen Bivins

The cooperative effort of all parties demonstrates an ability to implement and administer policies and procedures that ensure public libraries throughout Alabama successfully serve the needs of the state's citizens.

During FY 2007, an 18-month process to restructure the services of the agency was completed, following a specifically determined course of action to update the agency's services and place the best qualified personnel in key positions to aid and assist public libraries. Highlights include the downsizing of the agency's circulating collection and the disbursement of those materials directly to public libraries in the state. It also includes a reevaluation of the services of the agency to state government employees and how said services are made deliverable, as well as nurturing new ideas to make the maximum use of staff resources and energies.

As the agency excelled in priority determinations, per capita state support for public libraries increased, federal funds for quality projects continued and outside funding was made available. Overcoming the objections of the "it has never been done that way" minority while supporting the "forward thinking" ideas and proposals of the majority, the APLS is well-positioned to exercise sound judgment on behalf of the public libraries of Alabama in the forthcoming year and for the years that follow.

Changes at APLS

The year 2007 brought about a lot of changes at the Alabama Public Library Service, including several new faces gracing the halls.



One of those new staff members is Crystal Bonvillian, who was hired in July as the agency's new public information specialist. Bonvillian, a former newspaper reporter, has used her years of experience to make changes to APLS' various publications, including updating the looks of the APLS Record and WhAT's Line, the quarterly publication of the Blind and Physically Handicapped library (BPH).

The name of the agency's biweekly newsletter, APLSauce, has also been changed to APLSeeds to more effectively reflect the growth of libraries throughout Alabama. The changes have been well-received at libraries across the state.

Library Services

Funding

LSTA Grant Award : \$2,610,549, an increase of \$53,878 over the previous year

APLS LSTA Grant Awards: Approximately \$1.1 million in direct grants for FY 2007

STARS: \$231,401

Some types and amounts of LSTA grants:

- Technology - \$482,494
- Children at Risk - \$119,020
- Collection Development - \$276,619
- Underserved Users - \$55,000
- Professional Training - \$55,650

APLS-funded statewide databases: Approximately \$454,406 for Novelist and Tutor.com
Learning Express Library was a continuation from prior year

State Aid: \$5,090,608, or \$1.18 per capita, a \$365,000 increase from \$4,725,608 (\$1.125 per capita)

Alabama Virtual Library: \$3,757,600, level funded from 2006. These funds were used to renew 16 existing databases and add one new database. Cost: \$3,445,533
Publication and promotional materials cost: \$76,886
Alabama Supercomputer Support Contract: \$132,851
Additional database materials (e-books and searches): \$102,000

Gates Grants for the FY: \$656,325

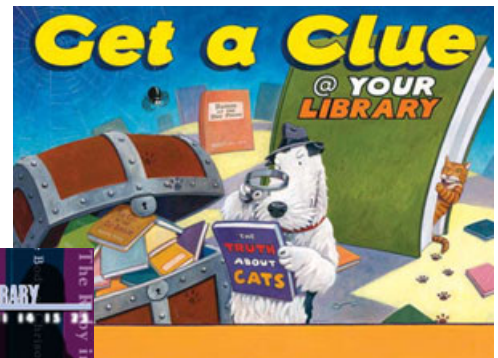
Consultant Services

Consultants in this division made 187 site visits to the libraries across the state during FY 2007. Those visits were supplemented by 9,539 contacts through phone and e-mail. Both were significant increases from the year before.

Staff members hosted a total of 49 workshops throughout the year.

The consultants distributed nearly 800,000 pieces of Summer Reading Program material for the annual program done in conjunction with the 46-member Collaborative Summer Library Program. The children's theme for 2007 was "Get a Clue @ Your Library."

The teen program was similarly mystery-based with the theme "YNK (You Never Know) @ Your Library." There was an astounding 31



The children's poster for the 2007 Summer Reading Program, above, was created by Mark Teague, a children's book illustrator from Cocksackie, N.Y. The young adult poster, left, was designed by comic book illustrator Russell Walks, who lives in Burbank, Calif.

percent increase in the number of books read during the program in 2007, with the children breaking the one million mark.

The division welcomed a new consultant, Jan Cederquist, in January. Cederquist quickly began working with librarians throughout her assigned region, helping them to complete a number of projects. Several libraries did major weeding of their collections, allowing space for new materials and easier access for patrons.

Cederquist also created and distributed "Core Collection Books for Birth through 3rd Grade," a listing of favorite and curriculum-based children's books for the state's libraries. The list was well-received by librarians.

A second new consultant, Muriel Lynne Bartholomae, arrived in November, just after the start of FY 2008. Longtime APLS staff member Judy Shepard was also reassigned as a library consultant this year.

Consultant Jim Smith spent the majority of his time working on LSTA-related activities and helping to get Alabama's WebJunction, an online learning tool for librarians and trustees, off the ground. WebJunction, utilized by library systems across the country, is a product of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Program, OCLC and other partners.

Courses offered by WebJunction include everything from lessons on Photoshop, Excel and other computer applications to instruction on grant-writing and being an effective trustee.



From June, when the courses were first made available to library staff and trustees, through the end of the fiscal year, about 250 units of the 400 in APLS's contract were used.

APLS hopes the early success of the program continues throughout 2008.

E-Rate

The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Services Fund, commonly known as E-Rate, is a program that gives eligible schools and libraries discounts on telecommunication services, Internet access and internal connections.

A total of 110 Alabama public libraries received E-rate discounts for FY 2007. Though libraries were still receiving their awards at the time of this report, approximately \$716,302 had been awarded thus far.

2007 Summer Reading Program Statistics

- 71,084 children and teens registered at the start of the program
- 30,534 received reading certificates at the end of the summer
- Participating youth read about 1.2 million books
- 221,289 people attended 4,294 program events
- About 797,756 summer reading/youth services reading materials were distributed to support the programs at the public libraries

Information Technology

The IT department stayed very busy this past year, increasing its number of library work requests to well over 2,000 for FY 2007. That number includes only the technology-based issues that took more than 15 minutes to solve or required travel.

The IT department worked a total of 1,958.25 hours at the libraries throughout the State of Alabama, not to include the work performed remotely. Technicians at APLS traveled to state libraries more than 175 times in FY 2007, saving the state's public libraries over \$200,000 in service fees that would have been charged by local companies for the same work.



Kevin Goff joined the team this past year as interim IT department head. The department also upgraded APLS' SIRSI server to a new, more powerful IBM UNIX server.

The staff continues to survey the public libraries for their Internet connectivity means and IT needs and work with the Gates Stay Connected Grant recipients. It also continues to assist the libraries with their LSTA technology grants and provides support for the public with APLS' public-access computers, which are used by many patrons every day.

Technical Services

STARS

APLS staff continued to work with public libraries using the telephone, e-mail and site visits to transmit holdings to OCLC for initial batchloading into STARS, the statewide electronic card catalog for public libraries.

This year, OCLC completed the process for 12 Concourse libraries (Cherokee, Demopolis, Elba, Evergreen, Greenville, Ina Pullen Smallwood, Luverne, Opp, Pell City, Thomasville, Town and County and White Smith public libraries), three SIRSI libraries (Anniston-Calhoun County, Houston-Love and Montgomery City-County), one Athena library (Oneonta), two Follett libraries (Atmore and Blountsville) and one TLC library system (Baldwin County, with 9 member libraries).



APLS staff also worked with a number of libraries whose initial batchload was completed during the previous fiscal year. That work detailed procedures for ongoing batchloading or use of CatExpress for new holdings, as well as procedures for removing holdings from STARS when the library has discarded last copies.

Staff

In mid-May, Dana Pritchard was hired to fill the librarian position in Acquisitions that had been vacant since July 2006.

Ruth Evans was appointed SIRSI administrator for the "library side," with Tammy Lowery as backup. Kevin Goff was appointed SIRSI administrator for the "technology side." All 3 staff members attended SIRSI training for a week in Huntsville.

Collection Redistribution

A total of 1,860 books and approximately 7,553 videos were reassigned from the APLS collection to public libraries across the state. About 19,365 books and videos were given away to approximately 55 libraries, most as the result of the reconfiguration of the collection done during the fiscal year.



Housing of the non-circulating Alabamiana collection changed. The Mildred B. Harrison Alabamiana Room contains 813.54 M through 999. Alabamiana books classified 000 through 813.54 L are housed in the new AlaAnnex, in addition to all non-circulating oversized Alabamiana books.

GoPrint, print management software, was installed in the Copier Room, charging 10 cents per page for public access computer printouts. At the same time, photocopying at 10 cents per page began.

Acquisitions

All librarians on staff have the opportunity to mark reviews in professional literature for consideration for purchase. The goal is a reasonably sized collection of quality materials, particularly reference materials, current, relevant materials vital to state employees and maintenance of a strong Alabamiana collection.

Efforts are also made to purchase materials that are too expensive for the smaller public libraries in the state. A number of changes were made to the APLS Collection Development Policy to reflect this more limited definition of the APLS collection.

Acquisitions ordered 860 titles and received 1,671 volumes, including 112 gift books, for the APLS collection. The division also ordered 16 titles and received 1,165 volumes of basic reference books. A total of 634 volumes were sent out as gifts to 100 of the smallest public libraries.

Acquisitions donated a total of 150 books to Hartselle, Ragland, and Samson for the dedication of new libraries or new rooms and to replace heavily weeded collections.

Serials

Serials received a total of 3,349 issues. Staff added 309 names to the Alabama Authors database and updated 387 names. There are now more than 5,700 names in the database.

Cataloging

Cataloging processed 1,839 new titles. In addition, 588 duplicates, open-entry volumes and re-cataloged volumes were handled.

The number of titles cataloged includes 615 DVDs, 57 of which required original cataloging. There are now 850 DVD titles and 882 DVD copies in the collection.

Staff members provided routine cataloging information and Dewey classification numbers to 28 libraries for at least 239 titles.

A Cataloging staff member made significant progress in the development of an up-to-date cataloging procedures manual.

Government Documents

A Cataloging staff member began work on cataloging electronic federal government documents and adding URLs to the records for paper documents.

While APLS is no longer a selective depository library for federal documents, following the procedures for proper disposal of those documents received from GPO involves APLS staff, Auburn University Montgomery staff and staff at other depositories in the state.

Patron Services

Reference

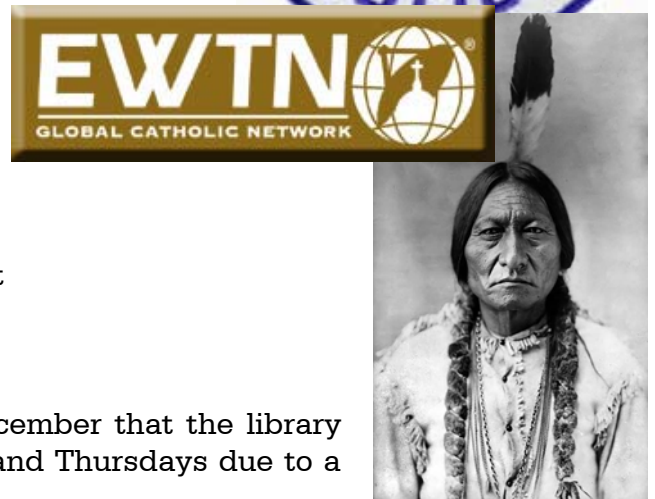
Aside from the new public-access computers, an additional public service desk has also been added this year to better aid patrons.

The majority of the Reference staff's time was utilized providing directional assistance to patrons and providing help with the Internet and various other electronic sources.

The staff fielded many interesting questions over the year, including questions about:

- The Chicago Police Department
- Contact information for the local Islamic Society and EWTN, an Alabama-based Catholic television network
- Old photographs of Mt. Meigs
- Pictures of Native Americans for a Mardi Gras float
- Historic census figures for Eufaula
- Sample prenuptial contracts

APLS director Rebecca Mitchell announced in December that the library would no longer keep nighttime hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays due to a lack of use by patrons.



Inter-Library Loan

As more libraries get accustomed to using the State of Alabama Resource Sharing program (STARS), libraries are moving from fax requests to electronic requests for information.

APLS received 4,109 requests through OCLC/STARS and filled 460 photocopy requests. A total of 152 items were sent directly to libraries and 429 were sent out to state employees, APLS staff and small libraries.

Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Administration

APLS's redefinition of itself this year, with the rearrangement of stacks as well as offices and personnel, benefited the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped with much-needed extra shelving, newer office carrels and better lights. Not only was a shelving layout devised, but the limited space for new titles led to a reduction in numbers of copies ordered per title. With the additional shelving, the hope is to have enough space to hold RCs until the digital books begin to come in.

Maye Sims retired from BPH after 18 years, but a new staff member, Lenny Lawson, began working in mid-October.

BPH's focus this year has been on the retrieval of overdue books from patrons. Staff members have begun to look at each patron's record as they contact the library for materials. Addresses and reading interests are verified and updated. Missing books that the patron does not have are made lost. Circulation for many has been reduced until the books in question are accounted for or returned. This process has been extended to institution users as well.

BPH staff represented APLS at the Alabama Book Fair in Old Alabama Town this year. They delivered letters with bibliographies to each Alabama author who had been recorded by the National Library Service and had a more comprehensive listing at their table. The staff highlighted Alabama author Starr Smith's book, "Jimmy Stewart: Bomber Pilot," which was available in print, cassette and Braille.



Circulation

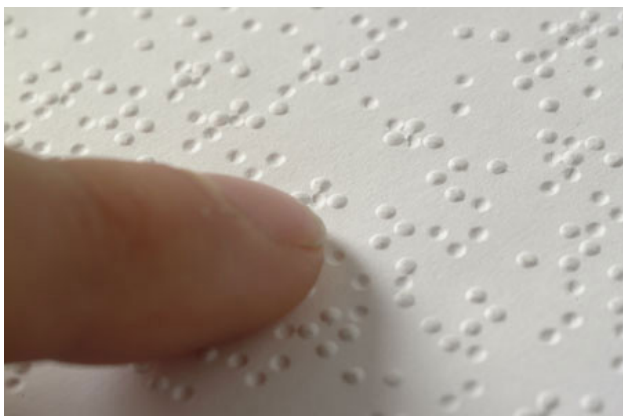
BPH circulated 147,521 special format volumes to its 7,511 patrons and 266 institutions. The average monthly circulation was 12,293.

In addition, 2,251 ILLs were provided to subregional patrons. A little over 1,000 new patrons were added this year and 1,300 readers dropped from service due to failing health, death or inactivity. The BPH also withdrew 1,107 patron records no longer needed in the KLAS database

and verified the suspension of another 1,130 others through CMLS.

Regional Library staff answered almost 1,000 reference questions by phone or e-mail from patrons and their families. Another 5,800 extra mail cards outside of book circulation were printed for catalog, machine, magazine and miscellaneous shipments. A steady group of local area patrons and their family members made 300 trips to the library to pick up materials.

The reader advisors continue to help in the warehouse by sorting morning mail and pulling incoming mail cards when book circulation is over 600. Despite being away from their desks several mornings a week, patron queues were reduced to 300 or lower per day, a great improvement over last year. The library's third reader advisor is now handling all of the Braille circulation.



Annual submissions of Braille titles through the NLS XESS program kept the in-house collection to a two-year limit. Older print/Braille titles were sent to the AIDB Resource Center for use in the school library and the sub-regional library.

BPH service contracts with Utah (for Braille circulation) and Mississippi (for circulation of older NLS titles) were still actively used. The number of Braille readers served by Utah was cut in half this year, however, since more of the library's regular Braille readers are using the NLS WebBraille for direct download of the titles they wish to read. With the Mississippi contract, the library added another 147 patrons, bringing the total registered with BPH to 1,125.

Mississippi patrons requested 7,900 books for the year, which is 3,000 fewer titles than last year. Staff are striving to find more copies of the most heavily used or depleted titles in demand through XESS online. Mississippi continues to circulate their descriptive videos to Alabama patrons at no cost and BPH staff are working with the MLC/BPH staff to reduce circulation to their patrons with overdue or lost titles. This should result in much-needed titles being returned.

APLS sent one BPH and one IT staff member to the annual KLAS User's Conference in Jacksonville, Fla. The following month these same staff members attended the KLAS Administrator's Training in Raleigh NC at the Keystone headquarters. Since both were new as in-house administrators for daily operations, the training was of great assistance. The group was small and the training very individualized.

BPH also acquired a much-needed laser printer this year, which has reduced mail card printing time from 1½ hours to 30 minutes. KLAS sent a staff member to work with IT on the connection and programming and then spent time with BPH staff answering questions and showing shortcuts in daily screen use.

The Regional Library had limited response to the Summer Reading Program, with three participants. Those three children read 14 books in cassette and Braille formats. The library hosted a Summer Reading party, which was attended by several children who participated in a treasure hunt, story time and games.



The Talladega Subregional Library had 26 participants in its summer reading program who read 183 books. Last spring, they hosted a Dr. Seuss event with the Cat in the Hat (Mickey Ferguson, formerly of WSFA) reading books to them.

Audio Duplication

Only 121 cassette titles were duplicated to meet circulation needs this year, but BPH staff continued to add hundreds of others back into circulation through "mix-n-match" and warranty returns.

Fewer older snags were found this year, which is an indication of the many repairs done by the MLC/BPH last year to return these titles to circulation. All cassette snags continued to be handled daily so that inventory records were as accurate as possible. With the addition of XESS online, such requests can be made as needed and used for replacements where still available.

Volunteers

During the year, 19 people volunteered at the library, donating 1,419 hours. About half of these volunteers came through the District Attorney's Pretrial Diversion Program. BPH used them almost exclusively with incoming mail.

Two of the library's former Pioneers came out of retirement again to assist with machine repairs, but the demand was more than they could keep up with monthly. When the Ohio Elfun's had to drop BPH due to increased demand in their state, South Dakota repair staff stepped up to the plate and helped out. NLS continued to provide extra machines as needed to meet patron demands.

National Library Service (NLS)

The regional librarian attended the Northern/Southern Conference of Librarians Serving the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Baltimore, Md. The programs provided updated information on the DTB conversion as well as information on the NLS budget needs for the next four years.

Two of the newest staff members traveled to NLS for orientation. They heard from many NLS staffers, experienced the new DTB player and cartridge and toured the updated recording studio. From this visit, the Regional Library learned that NLS will be producing fewer cassette copies of titles per network library so that more money can go into digital book production.

The regional librarian again represented the Southern Conference on the National Audio Equipment Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C., to learn the state of the existing cassette program as well as the progress of the digital talking book program. The plans are to have at least one working player and cartridge available for all network libraries during FY '08.

Several contacts were made with other network libraries by BPH staff. The regional librarian made her annual visit to the MLC/BPH for its Pratt-Smoot activities. The regional librarians in Louisiana and Tennessee were contacted about the possible need to contract with Alabama for cassette circulation due to space limitations.

Public Relations

More than 1,300 people from 41 groups learned about blindness and library services from various BPH staff members. Trips were made out of the office by various staff to share with senior citizen groups, low vision peer groups and college classes.

The consumer advisory committee continued to meet with good attendance over the year. They were eager to learn of the DTB program and its progress. They purchased two new high speed rewinders for the warehouse staff this year.

Several sensitivity training opportunities were provided for those interested on the APLS staff. In the spring, BPH showed the AFB's "The New What to do When you Meet a Blind Person" and had staffer Tim Emmons field questions about blindness. Recently, APLS staff members watched a descriptive video version of a Disney movie so that they could hear what that involved. The response to both programs was very good.

Public libraries have been kept informed of BPH services through the APLS Trustees' Workshop and the New Library Director's Meeting. As staff travel, they are encouraged to stop and visit any public libraries in the area. As a result, seven libraries were visited and contact was made with public library staff.

The Regional Library encourages library directors to host area support groups within their facilities in order to meet this potential clientele group and show them what is available. Support groups are encouraged to contact their local libraries for the same.

Many questions were received from libraries, state agencies and patrons about adaptive technology throughout the year. Several public libraries contacted BPH's newest reader advisor with questions about adaptive software and the downloading of books.

The library worked with Birmingham Public Library in advertising its downloadable books to the visually impaired community in Jefferson County. At least one library called with a question related to grants for such products. Information was provided about product types and Web sites with further information to be received from the APLS consultant to their area.

Almost daily, patrons call needing assistance with software used in downloading books and more recently with the hardware needed for reading them. As NLS expands its digital talking book pilot, we expect even more inquiries.

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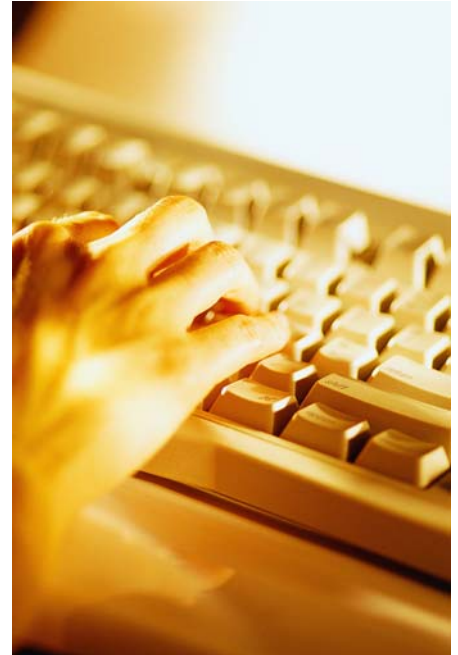


Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)

The Library Services Act (LSA) was introduced by Senator Lister Hill of Montgomery in 1946 and signed into law by President Eisenhower on June 19, 1956. The LSA became the Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) in 1964 and was to remain in effect until June 30, 1966.

The LSCA became the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) in 1996 and remains that today. The priorities of the LSTA are as follows:

- Expanding services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages
- Developing library services that provide all users access to information through local, state, regional, national, and international electronic networks
- Providing electronic and other linkages among and between all types of libraries
- Developing public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations
- Targeting library services to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills



- Targeting library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through age 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with 42 USC Sec. 9902 (2) applicable to a family of the size involved

The APLS provides direct and statewide grants to Alabama libraries with the assistance of the LSTA allotment we receive each year. Grants are awarded after a satisfactory application showing need and are contingent on available federal funds.

The LSTA is a categorical grant and is permissive legislation in that it does not define the specific actions that must be taken in order to fulfill this mandate. In order to receive allotments from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the funding authority of LSTA funds, APLS must have a current five-year plan that has been approved by IMLS and corresponds with the LSTA priorities listed above.

APLS' plan was revised and approved this year and goes through September 30, 2012.

The LSTA amount allotted to Alabama for FY 2007 was \$2,610,549, an increase of \$53,878 over the previous year.

Here are the FY 2007 competitive grant amounts awarded to libraries, broken down by congressional district:

Children at Risk Grants to 17 libraries as follows:

- Congressional District 1: \$13,739
 - Congressional District 2: \$8,400
 - Congressional District 3: \$30,492
 - Congressional District 4: \$4,000
 - Congressional District 5: \$24,000
 - Congressional District 7: \$38,389
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$119,020**



58 Collection Development Grants to libraries as follows:

- Congressional District 1: \$10,747
 - Congressional District 2: \$31,772
 - Congressional District 3: \$12,000
 - Congressional District 4: \$123,000
 - Congressional District 5: \$43,100
 - Congressional District 6: \$33,000
 - Congressional District 7: \$23,000
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$276,619**

APLS awarded a FY 2007 LSTA Library Service Vehicle Grant to one library as follows:

- Congressional District 3: \$65,000
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$65,000**

APLS awarded FY 2007 LSTA Professional Training Grants to 11 libraries as follows:

- Congressional District 1: \$8,400
 - Congressional District 2: \$4,200
 - Congressional District 3: \$4,200
 - Congressional District 4: \$8,400
 - Congressional District 5: \$1,050
 - Congressional District 6: \$14,700
 - Congressional District 7: \$14,700
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$55,650**

APLS awarded four FY 2007 LSTA Services to Non-English-Speaking Persons Grants to libraries as follows:

- Congressional District 3: \$20,000
 - Congressional District 4: \$17,337
 - Congressional District 5: \$20,000
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$57,337**

APLS awarded two FY 2007 LSTA Services to the Underserved Grants to libraries as follows:

- Congressional District 3: \$40,000
- Congressional District 6: \$15,000
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$55,000**

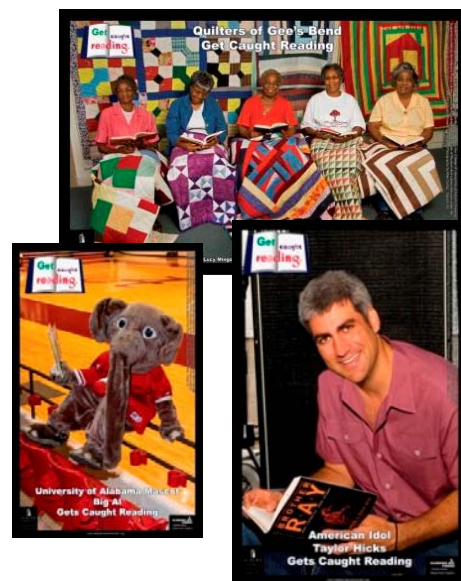
APLS awarded 37 FY 2007 LSTA Technology Grants to 37 libraries as follows:

- Congressional District 1: \$65,705
- Congressional District 2: \$65,849
- Congressional District 3: \$114,664
- Congressional District 4: \$52,865
- Congressional District 5: \$72,437
- Congressional District 6: \$84,854
- Congressional District 7: \$26,120
- TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED: \$482,494**

In addition to the individual grants awarded, the following statewide support grants were awarded:

- The Alabama Department of Youth Services received a Children at Risk Grant in the amount of \$20,000 in order to purchase equipment for training purposes for DYS teachers and for purchasing library materials for the DYS students.
- The Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind Resource Center Library received a Services for Those with Disabilities Grant in the amount of \$2,955 in order to purchase a Braille embosser to be used by the AIDB patrons to make their own materials.
- The Alabama Center for the Book (Auburn University) received a Book Festival Grant in the amount of \$9,950 in order to fund the Second Annual Alabama Book Festival held at Old Alabama Town in Montgomery on April 21, 2007.
- The Alabama Center for the Book (Auburn University) received an Alabama Gets Caught Reading II Grant in the amount of \$12,250 in order to fund the printing and distribution of the second round of "Alabama Gets Caught Reading" posters depicting famous Alabamians reading their favorite book.

American Idol Taylor Hicks, Pulitzer-Prize winner Cynthia Tucker, Atlanta Braves pitcher Tim Hudson, "Heroes" actor Ashley Crow, Alabama First Lady Patsy Riley, the Gee's Bend Quilters, Olympic silver-medalist Coby Miller, Auburn University mascot Aubie, and University of Alabama mascot Big Al were featured on the posters, which are based on the American Library Association's popular series, "Get Caught Reading."



APLS provided approximately \$1,003,160 in statewide projects in the following areas:

- Acquisition and utilization of materials for reference and ILL purposes to Alabama's public libraries, state employees, and citizens
- Blind and Physically Handicapped services to eligible Alabama citizens

- Library development services to Alabama public libraries in the form of consultations (phone, e-mail, on-site), technical support (phone, e-mail, on-site), and reference assistance (phone, e-mail, on-site workshops)
- Statewide databases (i.e. Ancestry.com, HomeworkAlabama, Learning Express, Novelist, and STARS)
- Statistics assistance for completing the online annual statistics report that is required in order to receive state aid
- Summer library program materials distribution to Alabama public libraries for dispersal at public library summer programs

Out of the \$2,610,549 amount allotted, APLS was able to provide \$2,144,735 in individual and statewide grants leaving a balance of \$465,814 to be used for the daily operation of APLS.

District 1 **Jo Bonner**

District 1 includes the following counties: Baldwin, Clarke (portion), Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington.

**SLD: Small Library Development*

District 1 Projects		
Atmore Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD*	\$5,148
Baldwin County Library Cooperative	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$3,749
Bay Minette Public Library	Professional Training Grant	\$4,200
Fairhope Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - General	\$33,557
Flomaton Public Library	Children at Risk - SLD	\$5,000
Flomaton Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Foley Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$15,000
Ina Pullen Smallwood Memorial Library (Chicasaw)	Children at Risk - SLD	\$5,000
Oscar Johnson Memorial Library (Silverhill)	Children at Risk - SLD	\$3,739
Oscar Johnson Memorial Library (Silverhill)	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$2,998
Washington County Public Library (Chatom)	Library Technology One-Year Grant - General	\$12,000
Washington County Public Library (Chatom)	Professional Training Grant	\$4,200

District 2

Terry Everett

District 2 includes the following counties: Autauga, Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Conecuh, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Elmore, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Montgomery (portion) and Pike.

District 2 Projects		
Andalusia Public Library	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,500
Ariton-Dot Laney Memorial Library	Children at Risk - SLD	\$2,400
Autauga-Prattville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$10,000
Autauga-Prattville Public Library	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,500
Blanche R. Solomon Memorial Library (Headland)	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Blanche R. Solomon Memorial Library (Headland)	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,500
Emma Knox Kenan Public Library (Geneva)	Children at Risk - SLD	\$2,000
Emma Knox Kenan Public Library (Geneva)	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$12,000
Eufaula Carnegie Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$7,772
Eufaula Carnegie Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - General	10,308
Houston-Love Memorial Library (Dothan)	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,500
Houston-Love Memorial Library (Dothan)	Professional Training Grant	\$4,200
McGregor-McKinney Public Library (Hartford)	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$6,720
McGregor-McKinney Public Library (Hartford)	Micrographic Equipment	\$3,821
Ozark-Dale County Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$10,000
Slocomb Public Library	Children at Risk - SLD	\$4,000
Tupper Lightfoot Memorial Library (Brundidge)	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$15,000

District 3

Mike Rogers

District Three includes the following counties: Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa (portion), Lee, Macon, Montgomery (portion), Randolph, Russell, Talladega and Tallapoosa.

District 3 Projects		
Annie L. Awbrey Public Library (Roanoke)	Children at Risk - SLD	\$4,000
Annie L. Awbrey Public Library (Roanoke)	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$8,500
Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library	Electronic Access to Library Materials	\$15,000
Anniston-Calhoun County Public Library	Library Services Vehicles	\$65,000
Ashland City Public Library	Children at Risk - SLD	\$1,000
Auburn Public Library	Services for Non-English-Speaking Persons	\$20,000
B.B. Comer Memorial Library (Sylacauga)	Children at Risk - General	\$5,243
Cherokee County Public Library (Centre)	Children at Risk - General	\$1,500
Cherokee County Public Library (Centre)	Library Technology One-Year Grant - General	\$20,000
Cherokee County Public Library (Centre)	Micrographic Equipment	\$2,500
Earle A. Rainwater Memorial Library (Childersburg)	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Horseshoe Bend Regional Library (Dadeville)	Professional Training Grant	\$4,200
Lewis Cooper Jr. Memorial Library (Opelika)	Electronic Access to Library Materials	\$11,459
Lewis Cooper Jr. Memorial Library (Opelika)	Library Technology One-Year Grant - General	\$42,205
Lineville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Montgomery City-County Public Library	Children at Risk - General	\$18,749
Montgomery City-County Public Library	Strategic Planning Grant	\$40,000
Ohatchee Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Ohatchee Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$15,000

District 4

Robert Aderholt

District Four includes the following counties: Blount, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Lamar, Marion, Marshall, Morgan (portion), Pickens (portion), St. Clair (portion), Walker and Winston.

District 4 Projects		
Arab Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$3,000
Carl Elliott Regional Library - Arley Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Carl Elliott Regional Library - Carbon Hill Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Carl Elliott Regional Library - Cordova Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Carl Elliott Regional Library - Dora Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Carl Elliott Regional Library - Double Springs Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Carl Elliott Regional Library - Haleyville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Carl Elliott Regional Library - Jasper Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$8,000
Carl Elliott Regional Library - Sumiton Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Crossville Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$7,212
Cullman County Public Library (Cullman)	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$10,000
Cullman County Public Library (Cullman)	Professional Training Grant	\$4,200
Gadsden-Etowah County Public Library	Library Technology - General (2nd year)	\$30,000
Gadsden-Etowah County Public Library	Services for Non-English-Speaking Persons	\$7,350
Grant Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Geraldine Public Library	Children at Risk - SLD	\$4,000
Marion-Perry County Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$12,203
Northwest Regional Library (Winfield)	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library - Winfield Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$1,500

District 4 Projects (continued)

Northwest Regional Library - Clyde Nix Public Library (Hamilton)	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library - Mary Wallace Cobb Public Library (Vernon)	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library - MCHS Community Library (Guin)	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library - Millport Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library - Sulligent Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$1,500
Northwest Regional Library - Weatherford Public Library (Red Bay)	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$1,500
Oneonta Public Library	Services for Non-English-Speaking Persons	\$9,987
Rainsville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Rainsville Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$3,450
Rufus Floyd Public Library (Hokes Bluff)	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Russellville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Sardis City Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Wheeler Basin Regional Library (Decatur)	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$10,000
Wheeler Basin Regional Library - Decatur Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$10,000
Wheeler Basin Regional Library - Decatur Public Library	Professional Training Grant	\$4,200
Wheeler Basin Regional Library - Eva Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Wheeler Basin Regional Library - Falkville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Wheeler Basin Regional Library - Priceville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
William Bradford Huie Public Library (Hartselle)	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$10,000

District 5
Robert “Bud” Cramer

District Five includes the following counties: Colbert, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison and Morgan (portion).

District 5 Projects		
Burchell Campbell Library (Lexington)	Children at Risk - SLD	\$4,000
Burchell Campbell Library (Lexington)	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Cherokee Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library	Children at Risk - General	\$20,000
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$10,000
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - General	\$57,317
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,480
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library	Professional Training Grant	\$1,050
Huntsville-Madison County Public Library	Services for Non-English-Speaking Persons	\$20,000
Killen Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Lawrence County Public Library (Moulton)	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$7,500
Lena Cagle Public Library (Bridgeport)	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Rogersville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Sheffield Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$5,600
Sheffield Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$6,640
Woodville Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$4,000

District 6

Spencer Bachus

District Six includes the following counties: Bibb, Chilton, Coosa (portion), Jefferson (portion), Shelby, St. Clair (portion) and Tuscaloosa (portion).

District 6 Projects		
Calera Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$6,511
Doris Stanley Memorial Library (Moody)	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$7,000
Emmet O'Neal Public Library (Mountain Brook)	Professional Training Grant	\$4,200
Harrison Regional Library (Columbiana)	Library Technology Grant - General (2nd year)	\$8,050
Homewood Public Library	Professional Training Grant	\$2,100
Jefferson County Library Cooperative (Birmingham)	Library Technology One-Year Grant - General	\$51,200
Parnell Memorial Library (Montevallo)	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$6,511
Pelham Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - General	\$12,582
Pell City Public Library	Services for Persons with Difficulty Using a Library	\$15,000
St. Clair County Library (Ashville)	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$10,000
St. Clair County Library - Ashville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
St. Clair County Library - Odenville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
St. Clair County Library - Ragland Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
St. Clair County Library - Springville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
Tuscaloosa Public Library	Professional Training Grant	\$4,200
Tuscaloosa Public Library	Professional Training Grant	\$4,200

District 7

Artur Davis

District Seven includes the following counties: Choctaw, Clarke (portion), Dallas, Greene, Hale, Jefferson (portion), Marengo, Perry, Pickens (portion), Sumter, Tuscaloosa (portion) and Wilcox.

District 7 Projects		
Aliceville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$3,200
Aliceville Public Library	Library Technology - SLD	\$3,600
James C. Poole Jr. Memorial Library (Eutaw)	Children at Risk - SLD	\$4,961
Moundville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$3,200
Moundville Public Library	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$10,520
Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library (Livingston)	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$3,000
Selma-Dallas County Public Library	Children at Risk - General	\$13,428
Thomasville Public Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - SLD	\$4,000
White Smith Memorial Library (Jackson)	Library Technology One-Year Grant - SLD	\$7,500
Wilcox County Library	Children at Risk - General	\$20,000
Wilcox County Library	Information Services for Underserved Users - General	\$9,600
Wilcox County Library	Micrographic Equipment	\$4,500

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